

MINUTES OF ORSNZ COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 30 November 2006

Time: 6:19pm

Place: Commerce Building Room 002
University of Canterbury
Corner of Arts and Forestry Roads, Christchurch

Attending:

David Ryan (Chair), Fernando Beltran, Stefanka Chuknova, Shane Dye, Ross James, Mark Johnston, Andrew Mason, John Paynter, Andy Philpott, Hamish Waterer, Golbon Zakeri

Apologies:

Matthias Ehr Gott, Chuda Basnet, Vicky Mabin

A. Minutes of the Council Meeting on 2 December 2005

The minutes were not available.

B. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous Council meeting

There were no matters arising.

C. General Business

1. Council meetings

David Ryan proposed that a council meeting be held every three months. An agenda will be prepared by the Secretary and circulated by email. Discussion via email is to be copied to all Council members. Votes are to be emailed to, and recorded by, the Secretary. Should further discussion be necessary then a teleconference will be scheduled.

The agenda for a February 2007 meeting will be circulated in January.

2. Recognition of services

The efforts of John Paynter as Treasurer, and Hamish Waterer as Secretary, were acknowledged.

3. Hans Daellenbach Prize

Rules governing the processes associated with the Hans Daellenbach Prize need be drafted, as they do not appear to be documented, and passed by Council. These rules are separate from the existing information contained in the call for nominations. The matter was referred to a future Council meeting.

4. Student grants-in-aid

John Paynter requested authorisation for a total of \$1640 to be spent on student grants-in-aid. The need for this larger amount was due to the large number of student participants, in particular, the large group coming from Auckland. This was moved by David Ryan. Andrew Mason seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. YPP certificate templates

Official YPP certificate templates need be made available to the organising committees of future conferences. Shane Dye is to make the 2006 certificate template available.

6. Conference registration

The value of the new web-based conference system was acknowledged along with the efforts of Hamish Waterer to maintain it.

Better mechanisms for capturing conference registration information, such as YPP participation, are needed. All additional information that a student need submit after registering for the conference needs to be contained on a single form.

It was suggested that recent graduates that are student members of the Society, but are no longer full-time students, should not be entitled to the discounted student registration for the conference. The matter was referred to a future Council meeting.

7. ORSSA journal ORiON

The Editor of the ORSSA journal ORiON, Jan van Vuuren, has enquired whether the Australian, NZ and Chilean OR Societies would, in principle, be interested in investigating the possibility of establishing a joint OR journal for the southern hemisphere. Council expressed definite interest, but want more information regarding process, obligation and liability, as well as access to view the journal in its current form. David Ryan is to speak to Jan.

The meeting closed at 6:52pm.